

REMARKS

Claims 11-20 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 11-13, 16-17 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Mentler (U.S. Patent No. 4,308,577).

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection on the following basis.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the suggestions made during the interview dated June 2, 2004. Independent claims 11 and 20 have been revised to further clarify that the structure of the present invention provides for the selection of one operation from the first operation mode and the second operation mode.

The Examiner admits that Mentler does not suggest the first operation mode. However, the Examiner alleges that the second operation mode is suggested. Even if the Examiner's contention is given the broadest possible interpretation, Mentler does not suggest selecting between the first and the second operation mode. In fact, the structure disclosed by Mentler, admittedly does not include the first operation mode. Therefore Mentler could not be suggesting the present invention where a selection between the first and the second operation mode is required.

Claims 12-19 are dependant on claim 11 and are allowable at least based on their dependency.

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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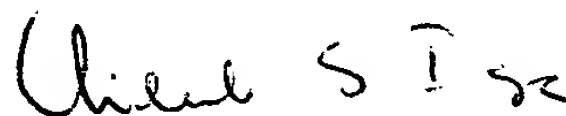
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Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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